

Excerpt from the Food and Nutrition Security Coordination Structure Government of the Republic of Namibia - 2021

2.2.5 *The Nutrition and Food Security Alliance of Namibia (NAFSAN)*

In 2019, the National Alliance for Improved Nutrition (NAFIN) restructured, redefined and renamed itself to become the **Nutrition and Food Security Alliance of Namibia (NAFSAN)**. This non-profit alliance serves as a platform for civil society organisations, academia, private sector organisations and committed individuals to improve nutrition in Namibia and support Government through coordinated efforts.

2.2.5.1 *NAFSAN's Vision and Mission*

Vision: "All persons in Namibia have the resources, knowledge and motivation to assure food security and optimal nutritional status for everyone in Namibia".

NAFSAN's three mission statements are:

- a) To provide organisations, communities, and individuals with effective platforms, tools, information and skills to achieve food security and optimal nutritional status for themselves and others;
- b) To promote research findings in nutrition and food science and ensure such results are accessible and applicable to decision makers for appropriate support;
- c) To advocate for, and practically support; efficient governmental and non-governmental communication and collaboration structures, financial and political commitment, legislation, policies, programmes and actions that ensure food security for an effective, sustainable and equity-focused approach to improve the nutritional status of everyone in Namibia.

2.2.5.2 *Specific Roles for NAFSAN in the Coordination Structure*

NAFSAN will actively participate in any working groups aligned to its members' area of specialization.

Specific roles for NAFSAN will be to:

- a) Provide technical guidance and regular feedback to the coordination system on national and sub-national levels in close collaboration with the Secretariat,
- b) Initiate and support the implementation of activities related to food and nutrition security, and play a role in the monitoring and evaluation of such implementation,
- c) Facilitate dialogue platforms for its members and partners to share information, network, and solicit support for food and nutrition security in Namibia,
- d) Advocate for the development and support of effective food and nutrition security policies, legislation, research and effective implementation thereof and other related interventions in Namibia, and
- e) Sensitise and empower communities, and discuss various food and nutrition challenges and promote best practices for appropriate action by various stakeholders together with the government.